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Appropriations Committee I'm looking at the amount of money that is available for A bills and I'll just put it this way. If we do absolutely no increased spending at all, nothing different and revenue projections are still as they are, they were down 1 percent again yesterday as the word came out, that we're looking at a possible \$20 million shortfall next year at the beginning of the biennium. And you're going to have to weigh the cost of this versus some of the other programs because I will tell you one thing. If you spend five to \$900,000 it will come from the General Fund somewhere and you're going to take it out of some other person that would have it, maybe it's education, maybe it's drug abuse, maybe it's to handicapped, maybe it's equal opportunity. The money will come from somewhere and this body is now on record saying we want them in jail, we want their license taken away, but God knows we don't want any treatment for them. And I think that's a little bit...I find that fascinating, that the body would take that position and I think you want to take a very clear notice on the fiscal note because I'll have a lot to say about that fiscal note when it becomes official, when it's in the books and we're on Select File and we'll be talking about that later because you might as well say if we do this, you can check off the things that we're not going to do and, believe me, there are a lot of things out there that are more important than this particular piece of legislation. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Seeing no further lights, Senator Beyer, do you wish to close on the advancement? Senator Beyer waives. Motion pending is the advancement of 291 to E & R initial. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Clerk, record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Motion carried. The bill is advanced. Are there...anything on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, thank you. New A bills, LB 910A introduced by Senator Schimek. LB 896A by Senator Withem. LB 1006A by Senator Landis. (Read by titles for the first time. See page 782 of the Legislative Journal.)

Health Committee has selected LB 1019 as one of the committee priority bills.